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Additional Companies of BSF for Tripura

1932. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of the International Border between Tripura and Bangladesh;

(b) what is the strength of Border Security Force that has been deployed in Tripura to guard the border;

(c) whether the strength is adequate to guard the border effectively;

(d) whether Government of Tripura has made any request to deploy additional companies of BSF in the State; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Length of International border between Tripura and Bangladesh is 856 kilometers.

(b) and (c) At present, against a total authorisation of 10 Battalions, 8 Battalions are deployed on the Tripura border.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Two additional Battalions of BSF have been sanctioned for deployment on the Tripura border.